

Food and Yard Waste

Put these items in your food and yard waste cart

Food Scraps



Fruits



Vegetables



Coffee grounds & filters



Tea bags



Shells & bones



Pasta & rice



Eggshells, nutshells



Bread & grains



Meat, fish & dairy

Food-Soiled Paper



Paper bags, towels
& napkins



Greasy pizza boxes



Uncoated food-soiled paper



Shredded paper
(mix with yard waste)

Plant & Yard Waste



Flowers & houseplants



Leaves, branches & grass clippings

No Plastic, Glass or Metal

Why Collect Food Waste?

Reduce waste: One-third of Seattle's residential garbage is food waste. Instead of sending it to the landfill, turn it into compost for amending soil at local parks and gardens.

The environment: In the landfill, food waste makes methane—a greenhouse gas 22 times more potent than CO₂. Put it in the cart and help protect the climate.

The cost: Avoid costly repairs and plugged drains. Put food scraps in your food waste cart instead of your garbage disposal. This conserves water and energy, too!

Questions about what is accepted in the cart?

Call the Garden Hotline

(206) 633-0224

or visit

www.seattle.gov/util/foodwaste



Kitchen Tips on Other Side ►



Storage Tips for Apartments and Condominiums

Why Waste a Good Thing?

More than 140,000 Seattle households and hundreds of multi-family properties have food and yard waste collection. Food and yard carts are emptied weekly. Here are tips Seattle residents have shared to help make kitchen scrap collection easy:

Bag it

Use a plain brown paper bag or approved compostable bag to store food scraps. Toss the full bag into your food and yard waste cart. Visit www.seattle.gov/util/foodwaste to find approved compostable bags. If you don't see it on the list – don't use it!

Plastic bags are NOT ALLOWED in the cart— they ruin the compost.



Store it

Use a container with a tight-fitting lid to store food scraps. Empty contents into food and yard waste cart, then rinse and reuse container.

Use the news

Wrap messy food scraps in newspaper and drop it all in the cart.



Chill it

Bag or wrap food scraps. Then place them in the refrigerator or freezer until you take them out to the cart.

Cover it

In your cart, cover food scraps with food-soiled paper, shredded paper, a damp sheet of newspaper, or yard waste.



Approved
compostable
bag liner.

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